

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 and 34-42 are currently pending. In response to the Notice of Appeal, the Examiner has reopened the prosecution of the application and issued a new non-final Office Action. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-6, 11, 23-24, 26-31, and 37-41 under 35 USC §103 as unpatentable over the Clark et al patent in view of the Gupta et al patent. The Examiner has objected to Claim 33, which applicants have amended herein to be Claim 42. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 7-10, 12-22, 25, 32 and 34-36 are allowable over the cited art.

Applicants have canceled Claim 1 and have amended the claims to place allowable Claim 7 in non-objectable form, to introduce the limitations of Claim 7 into Claim 40, and to correct the dependency of the remaining claims based on the cancellation of Claim 1 and the amendments to Claim 7. Applicants believe that the amendments place all of the remaining claims, Claims 2-32 and 33-42, in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants request entry of the amendments and issuance of the claims.

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